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EDITORIAL : Once More—it's Spring

One of the race meetings of Tattersall's Club falls in the Spring, the season of re-birth.

Those no longer youthful respond to the magic which Nature works in a thousand and one manifestations.

The past takes on the pageant of the present. Time is put in reverse, and that which was over the hills and far away returns with the enchantments, say, of your first Tattersall's meeting.

The passing show is much the same, save that the stage is more crowded. The spectacle is not grander, but greater; the gallery is bereft of familiar figures.

Otherwise, Time has taken little toll. Imperceptibly it has greyed and wrinkled us, or some of us—as well, those who, younger or older, or of similar age at the time, were of the company. Let us look back to them and to that meeting, not wondering wryly what the years have done to them and to us, but what they and we have done with the years.

Has the treasure of our Club life been added to or forfeited? Has the Club meant more than a place whereat to meet and to eat?

Those are serious reflections surely; but Spring might also be made a season of personal stock-taking, of Spring-cleaning of self.

KEEPING POSTED

TREASURER Jack Roles, who recently retired after many years as a fielder, has now joined the ranks of the punters. It would be poetic justice if we could report that he was no better at picking winners than the rest of us; but the fact is that he is backing winners with uncanny precision—or was, at the Club's Spring Meeting.

A RECENT "Special" Lottery was quite a Club affair. It was drawn by Bert Ritchie, who picked the marble that gave Bill Hole a share in first prize. Ritchie is now trying to arrange for Bill Hole to draw a lottery to return the compliment.

A VERY welcome visitor at the Club's Randwick Meeting on 9th September was Dave Mackie, Chairman of Newcastle Tattersall's Club. Another interesting visitor was Hollywood comedian Joe E. Brown, who has also been quite a frequent visitor at the Club during his stay in Sydney.

WE have almost enough members of the dental profession to form a club-within-a-club. Meeting of the nucleus of a possible sub-committee takes place every Thursday, when Johnny Driscoll, Jack Wilson and Darcy Lang get together to discuss everything except dentistry.

MEMBERS will join in their sincere sympathy to committee man Claude Moore and to Mrs. Moore over the accidental death of their son Pat.

BACK from overseas just in time for the Spring racing carnival—George Phillips.

A NUMBER of members enjoyed a dinner with Roy Barmby, on 20th September, to wish him well in his trip to the States. He will be travelling with Ted Lane.

KEN FIDDEN called for congratulations on 26th September, when he celebrated his "25th Anniversary."

BRUCE CHIENE, who plays First Grade for Eastern Suburbs at Rugby Union, is to be congratulated on winning the Eastern Suburbs Club Cup for the "most improved player of 1950." The award is made on the vote of captains and coaches of the four grade teams in the club, and Bruce's performances for the season deservedly gained him the decision. It is doubtful whether Bruce is any more pleased than George Chiene, who captained Randwick at Union quite a few years ago, and who feels some of the result may be due to his comments.

COURsing at Rooty Hill, where some of the State's champion dogs contested the annual Dewar's Cup, was watched by Chairman John Hickey, Treasurer Jack Roles, Bill Sellen, Reg. Hastings, Charlie Fahy, Greg Keighery . . . among others.

REPORT on various Davises: Dave Davis, up from Melbourne, is enjoying Club life among his many friends here. Harry Davis is being welcomed back from Coolangatta.

FAREWELL and welcome back in the one paragraph: to Ray Vaughan and Bill Sellen, who sailed by the Ormiston to Melbourne on 22nd September and returned the following week-end.

MORE "Special" Lottery News:—Bob Warden struck the jackpot in the lottery drawn on October 3 — first prize of £12,000. A great number of friends in the Club celebrated his success when he "turned it on" at lunchtime of the big settling-day.

A WARM welcome to country and interstate members here for the spring carnival!

**Happy
Birthday
to You!**

OCTOBER

1 Bert Bowser	16 E. Shepherd
4 L. C. Wicks	19 J. W. Drewwette
5 J. J. Holman	20 A. Colquhoun
F. Robinson	E. J. Millar
J. E. Wilson	21 E. R. Deveridge
W. A. Rodger	D. S. Orton
6 E. W. Bell	27 A. J. Moverley
S. V. Toose	31 C. C. Bartlett
9 S. S. Crick	14 E. S. Paul
14 H. Townend	24 L. O. H. Williams
A. L. Cooper	

NOVEMBER

3 A. S. Harrison	21 S. Peters
11 J. P. Ryan	A. R. Harrison
14 C. Salom	23 D. N. Alexander
D. Mackie	26 R. R. Coote
15 F. D. Foskey	27 L. Noakes
17 H. L. Carter	29 W. H. Davies
18 W. L. McIntosh	30 H. (Barney) Fay

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birth-day.

BILL DAWES, Bill Scott and Mick Nimenski recently spent a few very pleasant days at Kia-Ora stud. Friends who had feared that Mick might find difficulty in coping with the irrepressible high spirits of his two companions found that he returned very little the worse for wear.

SYD. ADAMS, who was much in evidence at the Club's Spring Meeting, found all the excitement a bit too much — he had a few days on the sick list after the Saturday. His many friends are glad to see him up and about again, just as good as ever.

LEN ROBINSON writes from New York, praising the hospitality of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, and the New York Athletic. He has been enjoying race meetings and yearling sales at Los Angeles, Lexington and Saratoga Springs — seeing for himself how our American cousins do things. At Saratoga, Len caught a race-crowd pickpocket behind the ear with a good right swing, but broke a bone in his hand with the impact. His letter, written a week after, still shows signs of the awkwardness due to his injury.

CON MURRAY, Inverell, is with us again for another Spring racing carnival and is a regular attender. He is kept busy renewing friendships.

STARTLING news heard over the speaker system at lunch on Thursday, 28th September: — "Louis blocks a long left, and follows with a short left to the head. Charles slips Louis' lead, and brings his right across hard, he hits . . . Jim Russell . . . Mr. Jim Russell, telephone please."



(Photo courtesy
"Sydney Morning Herald.")

IT's always satisfying to report that the main event of the Club's meeting has been won by a horse owned by a member. The Chelmsford Stakes on September 9 was no exception. Adolph Basser's Delta just got in front in the last stride, to win by an official half-head on the photo, from Snowstream. Adolph Basser's smile is shown above. Delta's winning run is shown on the back cover.

CLARRIE ROGAN, of Dubbo, another close follower of racing, is looking fit and well.

G. ANDERSON, of Brisbane, is in Sydney for the racing carnival and hopes to win a race or two whilst here.

KING Cricket is with us again and members who are enthusiasts will have the English team to follow. No doubt after learning a few more of the fine points of the game we will renew our challenge to Brisbane Tattersall's Club players.

THE Chairman, Mr. John Hickey, presented the trophies for the Club Billiards and Snooker Tournaments, at the usual pleasant gathering of members, on Monday, 11th September. With the Club's trophies, he also gave the winners the special prizes of canteens of cutlery donated by John Roles (for Billiards) and A. J. Matthews (for Snooker). John Roles came within a short distance of gaining his own trophy — he was third in the Billiards to the runner-up, W. Longworth, and winner A. J. Howarth. The snooker was, of course, won by A. C. Gelling from R. G. Mead, with W. S. Edwards in third place.

ALF LEVY, back again in West Australia, writes greetings and good wishes to his many friends.

MAX LAWSON, deep-sea fisherman and occasional auctioneer, making his point in a discussion of the business principle of "buying low, selling high," reminded advertising man Wally Kingham of the time in World War I when they used to procure iron crosses for a song and sell them at a premium to the members of the American Expeditionary Force.

Attention is drawn to the Club rule that members must remain in the company of visitors brought by them into the Club.

M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

A Night to Remember!

The Swimming Club's Annual Ball in the Clubrooms on Saturday, 23rd September, was an outstanding success, as is usual with this most popular function.

WITH the years it has gone from strength to strength and from members' point of view the only drawback is that accommodation is limited to round the two hundred and fifty mark which means that many would-be starters are not even in the nominations.

A capacity house was present at this year's function which was marked by the brilliant gowning of the ladies and, of course, by the stalwart and handsome looks of our swimmers.

Again the "piece de resistance" was the Pool Interlude, during which the ladies, as usual, were most envious of the luck of the men in having such a spot as the Pool and asked, "Why can't we be in on it?"

During the half hour at the Pool our Chairman, Mr. John Hickey, presented the trophies won by members during the season.

A fine array of trophies was handed over as follows:

"Native Son" Trophies for the Season's Point Score.

Donated by Mr. W. W. Kirwan.

1st—V. Richards, Canteen of Cutlery.

2nd—S. T. Murray, Canteen of Cutlery.

3rd—C. C. Hoole, Entree Dish.

Club Championship Trophies.

Donated by Mr. A. G. Collins.

1st—W. Kendall, Mayonnaise Dish.

2nd—C. B. Phillips, Case of Spoons.

3rd—M. Fuller, Camera.

It will be noted that the winners did the right thing by selecting trophies for their wives.

Suitably inscribed tankards were presented to the winners of Monthly Point Scores— W. B. Phillips, V. Richards, Neil Barrell, C. Chatterton, S. B. Solomon, P. Hill, S. Murray and J. O. Dexter.

There was also one for R. L. Richards who, unfortunately, was not able to be present.

A surprise presentation of a tankard was made to Harry Davis. It was inscribed "Just Missed," as Harry was fourth in the year's Point Score and won more finals than any other competitor yet did not take a Monthly Point Score.

There was also a tankard inscribed, "To A Sportsman," for Bill Kirwan as a small appreciation of his keen support of the Swimming Club over the years, but Bill was a late scratching for the Ball so he'll get it later.

The race in the Pool was a Team's Race with three teams of seven swimmers, each to swim two laps. Teams were skippered by Bill Kendall, Carl Phillips and V. Richards, and the last named team, consisting of M.

Fuller, W. B. Phillips, K. Francis, J. O. Dexter, J. Shaffran, N. P. Murphy and V. Richards won handily.

Big feature that thrilled the onlookers was Bill Kendall's magnificent last two laps which included one of the best turns ever seen in the Pool and got his team up into second place.

A Balloon race on Water Polo lines for the members of the defeated teams was an innovation, won by Bill Kendall after Bobby Adams looked all over a winner until his balloon burst.

The ladies who nominated the winners all received attractive bottles of perfume so the winning swimmers were very popular.

After the Pool Interlude and an excellent supper the company settled down to a delightful evening (and early morning) of dancing to the splendid music of Merv. Lyon's orchestra with a bright floor show by a couple of expert balancer-jugglers to enliven proceedings further.

Thanks are due to the officials and staff of Tattersall's Club for the smooth arrangements for the Ball as without their whole-hearted co-operation the function could never be the success it is.

With the Ball over, Swimming Club members are looking forward to the start of the new season in October and they will be very happy to welcome new members to enjoy the weekly races and get togethers. The more the merrier!

BOWLING NOTES

Games v. Vaucluse and N.S.W. Club Bowlers

During the past month we have been more fortunate with the weather, and have enjoyed some pleasant outings. On 21st August we had an afternoon as the guests of Vaucluse Club, and were accorded the unstinted hospitality always received from the Vaucluse bowlers.

THE game resulted in a victory for Vaucluse by 85 to 71, and the following are the details.

Mitchell, Longworth, Silk, Booth (T.), 22; Speers, Farley, Roberts, Dodds (V.), 19. Bavington, Gillespie, Silk, Bloomfield (T.), 21; Hassock, Higgins, Sheedy, Mitchell (V.), 19. Glynn, Bassar, Dewdney, Trainor (T.), 18; Lucas, Buckley, Stobo, Edson (V.), 24. Harris, Ruthven, Gawler, Young (T.), 10; Bollen, Lister, Baglin, Butler (V.), 23.

We had three additional players—R. Ball, B. Livey, B. Fay, who were provided with a social game with Vaucluse players. We were glad to welcome Barney Fay who shows promise of becoming a first rate exponent of the game. His sartorial elegance was much admired.

N.S.W. Club Bowlers

On September 7 we were glad of the opportunity of entertaining the newly formed bowling club of the New South Wales Club, and our guests were given luncheon at Double Bay Club, followed by a match of five teams a side. The President of Double Bay Club, Cecil Davis, extended a welcome to Tatts. and N.S.W. bowlers, and graciously placed all the amenities of the club at our disposal.

Guests at luncheon included our Chairman, John Hickey, and Hon. Secretary of Double Bay Club, Clarrie Coombes, to whom

a cordial welcome was extended by President Ted Dewdney. At his request John Hickey officially welcomed the N.S.W. Club bowlers, led by committeeman Vic. Watson, who thanked Tatts. for their hospitality, and eulogised the staff of the Double Bay Club for the excellence of luncheon provided. At afternoon tea a further welcome was extended by Vice-President Jack Roles, and responded to by Doug. Farquharson, who, in addition to being a member of the N.S.W. team is a Vice-President of the N.S.W. Bowling Association.

Another bowler of fame was representing the N.S.W. Club—Wal. Currey, who has now played interstate bowls on more than one hundred occasions.

A grand game took place in ideal weather, on a perfectly running green, and at the conclusion of the day both teams were unanimous that a good time was had by all.

Details of Play

Details of play:—Irwin, Williams, Trainor, Traversi (T.), 25; Blyth, Field, Campbell, Farquharson (N.S.W.), 21. Turner, Monro, Norton, Booth (T.), 25; Lindsay, Meyers, O'Brien, Hill (N.S.W.), 18. Bavington, McDonald, Jones, Kippax (T.), 23; Richardson, Flynn, Watkins, Watson (N.S.W.), 17. Mitchell, Gawler, Davis, Roles (T.), 25; Aarons, Brown, Love, Poole

(N.S.W.), 20. Kreiger, Price, McIntosh, Hill (T.), 25; Raves, Ruthven, Unsworth, Currey (N.S.W.), 20.

Totals: Tatts., 123; N.S.W., 96.

Other games among our members were—Fay, Chew, Quinton, Hole, 28; Ball, Alderson, Peters, Abbott, 26. Harris, Whitford, Edwards (sub.), Bawker (sub.), 19; Livey, Catts, Speck (sub.), Glynn, 30.

Arthur Gillespie played his first game with us at Vaucluse and we welcome him to the fold.

News comes from Young Bowling Club that Jack Roles, Jr. (son of our Treasurer), recently won the Novice Handicap event from a big field. We hear young Jack's style is closely modelled on Dad's and it is confidently expected he will win in open company this season.

Visit to Wollstonecraft

On Sunday, September 10, two rinks visited Wollstonecraft Bowling Club, at the invitation of Bill McDonald, and competed for trophies generously donated by Bill. These were won by a Wollstonecraft rink, with a Tatts. rink skippered by Gordon Booth runners-up. We were represented by Messrs. McDonald, Williams, Monro, Bavington, Gawler, Booth and Dewdney. A most enjoyable afternoon was had, for which many thanks, Bill.

HANDBALL

Games with Bondi Prove Value of "Home Courts"

An interesting and often exciting series of games was played between Tattersall's Handball Club and Bondi Icebergs Handball Club during the end of August and early September.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB v. BONDI ICEBERGS

28th August, at Tattersall's Club

Tattersall's Club:

	Bondi Icebergs:		
E. E. Davis	31	v.	W. Stewart
G. McGilvray	31	v.	V. Moran
B. Partridge	31	v.	G. McLaughlin
W. Hannan	31	v.	F. Brooke
C. Chatterton	31	v.	G. Owens
D. J. Jenner	31	v.	R. Dixon
J. O. Dexter	31	v.	G. Bartlett
J. Shaffran	31	v.	P. McLean

Tattersall's, 8 Games.

Bondi Icebergs, Nil.

Second Series

	Bondi Icebergs:		
E. E. Davis	31	v.	G. McLaughlin
G. McGilvray	31	v.	W. Stewart
B. Partridge	31	v.	R. Dixon
W. Hannan	31	v.	G. Bartlett
C. Chatterton	31	v.	V. Moran
D. J. Jenner	31	v.	P. McLean
J. O. Dexter	31	v.	F. Booker
J. Shaffran	31	v.	G. Owens

Tattersall's, 8 Games.

Bondi Icebergs, Nil.

Return Match

11th September, at Bondi

Bondi Icebergs:

	Tattersall's Club:		
Steve Molan	21	v.	E. E. Davis
Steve Molan	21	v.	Bruce Partridge
Frank Lund	21	v.	Bruce Partridge
Frank Lund	21	v.	E. E. Davis
Snow Stewart	12	v.	Bill Hannan
Snow Stewart	21	v.	Bill Sellen
Jack Lawrence	19	v.	Peter Lindsay
Jack Lawrence	16	v.	Bill Hannan
Clarrie Flynn	21	v.	Bill Sellen
Clarrie Flynn	21	v.	Peter Lindsay

Bondi Icebergs, 7 Games.

Tattersalls, 3 Games.

THE Bondi team, captained by Bill Stewart and supported by Iceberg President—"Rajah" Miller—was entertained in the Club on 28th August, when two series of eight games were played. Ted Davis, who was acting as Captain of Tattersall's during the absence of Peter Lindsay, lead his team to a double victory by eight to nil in each series. When we returned the match at Bondi baths, however, the story was different, and the Icebergs turned the tables to the tune of winning by seven games to three. Supporting the Club's team on the return visit were Dave Dawson and Jack Dexter. It is reported that Jack, stung by our defeat, has issued a challenge to Bondi at swimming!

Interest in Handball continues high, with a good standard of play being reached in the Club's Handball Championships, now being held. Results of the matches with Bondi, and the Championship games, are given on this page.

HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, 1950

A Grade — 1st Round

E. E. Davis	beat	C. Woodfield
21/12	;	19/21; 21/9.
G. McGilvray	beat	W. Hannan
21/12	;	21/8.
P. Lindsay	beat	A. McGill
21/12	;	21/16.

P. Partridge	beat	J. Buddle
19/21	;	21/12; 26/24.

B Grade — 1st Round

E. T. Penfold	beat	G. Pratten
G. Boulton	beat	C. Chatterton

21/18	;	21/9.
C. Grade	—	1st Round
J. Shaffron	beat	P. Hill
21/20	;	21/19.
B. Adams	beat	S. Murray

21/14	;	21/17.
N. Barrell	beat	W. Phillips
21/15	;	15/21; 21/17.
J. Eastment	beat	S. B. Solomon

21/6; 21/13.

Club's Successful Spring Meeting

The calendar said "Spring," and the response climatically was Summer; the Weather Man predicted "showers," and the good fairies decreed sunshine. All of which was to the advantage of the Club's September meeting.

BUT, when the prospective crowds anticipated ample transport, the authorities curtailed services in the sense that special race trams were below the number merited by a meeting of such importance.

An attendance of 37,500 was satisfactory in the circumstances, but the quality of the programme undoubtedly would have attracted several thousands more—at a conservative estimate — had special trams been provided on an appropriate scale.

Guests of the Chairman (Mr. John Hickey) and members of the Committee at the official luncheon, included the Governor (Sir John Northeott), accompanied by members of his Staff — L. A. Robb (official secretary), Capt. Martin (private secretary), and F/Lt. Nash (aide-de-camp).

His Excellency moved freely among racegoers and was greeted warmly everywhere.

Report was that his Excellency sought a tip jocularly "for one race at least." The Minister for Lands (Mr. Renshaw) volunteered Bungymun in the Highweight Handicap — a loser.

Well-known is the fact that the Governor has a keen eye for a horse—although not necessarily on a racecourse. Form beats the best of them there, irrespective of rank.

Associated with the Chairman in receiving guests and in the general superintendence of the meeting were members of the Committee: Messrs. J. A. Roles, F. J. Carberry, George

Chiene, A. G. Collins, A. J. Matthews, A. V. Miller, G.J.C. Moore, W. H. Sellen and Donald Wilson.

Bill Sellen appeared in a new role. He wore a hat—and did not leave it on a peg on the course or obey an impulse to toss it into the air when one of his several fancies won.

Mr. Justice Clancy was questioned by Bill Brooks about a horse they had backed and which, unaccountably, finished at the top of the straight. His Honour reserved judgment.

Friends of Allan Cortis were sorry to hear that he had been ordered rest for several weeks by his doctor—rest meaning confinement to his home. Allan was a notable amateur rider in other years. Len Haley was a contemporary.

Rumyle, winner of the first race, was named from the first syllables of the names of the owner, Mr. Rudolf Symonds, his wife, Myra, and their daughter, Leah.

Keeborough did not run a place for Mesdames J. and G. Fleming, but racegoers said that the best had yet to be seen of that filly.

Jim Fleming and his wife are overseas. Jim wrote brother George, with whom he conducts a stud property, that he planned to look over the Newmarket studs with a view of selecting several mares and another sire.

True to tradition, the Chelmsford Stakes provided an exciting tussle among good horses. When the broadcaster announced several times, "Delta's rider is looking for the run," a veteran

in the members' stand said: "It's another win for Adolph Basser." He was right—but only just.

W. J. McIver was not perturbed by Sir Falcon's failure in the Chelmsford Stakes and rates highly the chances of his horse in the Metropolitan and in the Melbourne Cup. Why shouldn't he?

One punter bet in the Spring Handicap on an appropriate association of names: Ballroom and Blue Danube.

Garden Party proved a wash-out for many Club members.

Walter Cavill told of having met in Honolulu Duke Kohanomoku, who celebrated his 60th birthday at a party in the Outriggers' Club, which Mr. Cavill attended. Duke has now the office of Sheriff and has been honoured by having a holiday named after him.

Smooth running of the meeting was evidence in itself of a big job of organisation carried out without flaw by the Chairman and the Committee, with the Secretary (Dave Dawson) as adjutant.

Capt. Martin, private secretary to the Governor, is not a regular racegoer, and has a bet only rarely. While he was conversing with a Club member outside Tattersall's room, after luncheon, a pretty girl, attractively gowned, approached the pair and asked in winsome accent: "Ees it necessaire, Monsieurs, to 'ave zhe tickette for zis stand?"

Neither Capt. Martin nor his friend could answer that one, but they reckoned that beauty could, or should, break down all barriers. The friend told her to go ahead.

Sequel was that Capt. Martin, looking over the starters in the second race, noted the name of French Rose — and backed it straight out at long odds for a win.

GREG KEIGHERY

Colourful Sportsman

Greg Keighery would head the poll if a vote were taken on Sydney's most colourful sportsman on the racecourses and coursing grounds of two States. Throughout N.S.W. and Victoria he is known and greeted warmly by tens of thousands of sporting enthusiasts.

GREG is 82, but straight as a sapling. His brown or grey Derby worn with Donegal tweeds and the invariable button-hole bouquet distinguish his tall figure on the racecourses and in the club enclosures.

You will always find him centre of the biggest and most jovial group, sipping his whisky-and-water, discussing with a

complete grip of up-to-date form, the prospects of the horses or the dogs.

He loves horses, and he has tried many times to get a good one, but freak accidents killed his best prospects. But he likes dogs better. They provided the first rise in life which enabled him to invest in hotels. And

now you might almost call him an Hotel Magnate.

He ran three hotels, His Majesty's at the corner of Market Street and Pitt Street, then Bateman's, now the Tatler, in George Street, Sydney, and the Commercial at Liverpool before he finally settled down at the Keighery Hotel at Auburn. And his 13 children or their husbands or wives are all in hotels. The family, including relatives by marriage, run more than 50 hotels in Sydney or suburbs.

He has a deep affection for the Auburn hostelry and its patrons. And that affection is reciprocated by the "regulars."

Greg says—"I started the Keighery, built it up to what I consider should be the highest ambition of a publican. And there I will die."

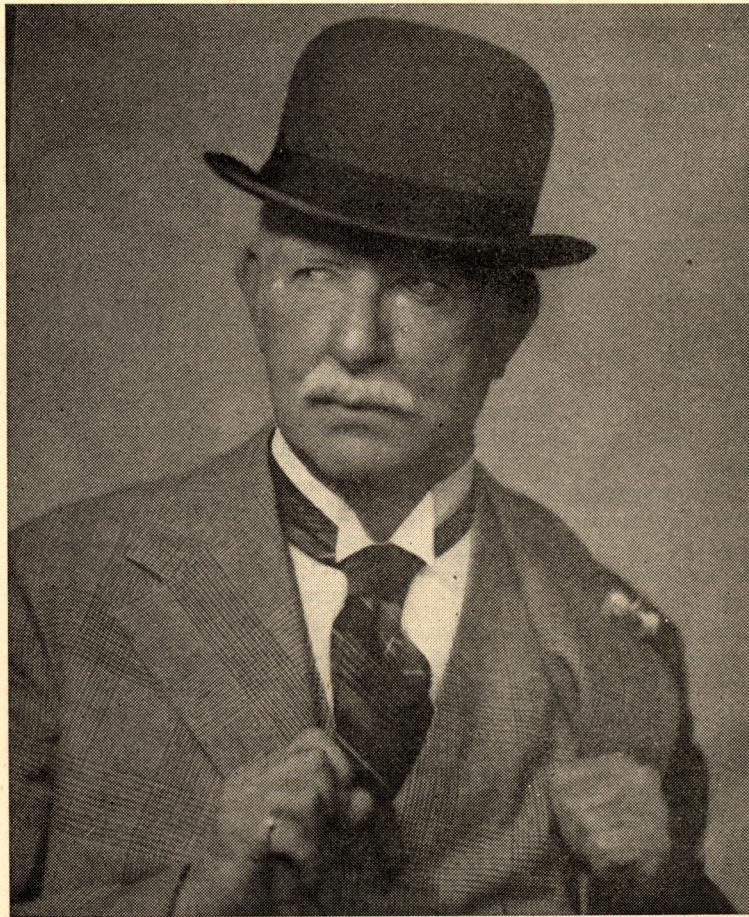
Mr. Keighery was on the Council of the U.L.V.A. for some years. He was also an Alderman of Auburn Municipality.

Fate had marked down Mr. Keighery for hotels and coursing. His father built the Shamrock at Dandenong nearly 110 years ago. It still carries on, remodelled, as the Club Hotel.

Dandenong was in the heart of coursing in Mr. Keighery's youth, so his startling claim that he owned dogs at 10 years of age is not so surprising.

From that early debut he rose to the greatest triumphs. He won seven Waterloo Cups, three Derbies and four Oaks, and hundreds of Stakes all over Victoria and N.S.W. He was one of the founders of the National Coursing Club of N.S.W., and over a period of 15 years was President or Patron.

His first visit from Victoria with two good dogs 50 years ago gave him his first good money rise in coursing. They were Kilmainham and Dandenong Ranger. Two pals, Mick Hardiman and Arthur Usher (of Usher's Hotel



A recent and very characteristic picture of Greg Keighery.

fame) buttonholed him singly with similar requests. Each said—"Greg, I have owned many dogs but I can't get a really good one, whereas every dog you race turns champion. Will you nominate one of your dogs in my name for the Waterloo Cup?"

Each laid him £500 to nothing about a Cup win.

Being first in, Hardiman got Kilmain and he won the Waterloo Cup. Usher completed the big betting double by winning the Waterloo Plate with Dandenong Ranger.

Soon afterwards Mr. Keighery got himself his first hotel and settled in Sydney. He recalls some happy associations with coursing at the old Kensington racecourse. The centre was enclosed for dog-racing. At the first meeting Mr. Keighery won six out of the seven events, and at the next meeting five out of the six on the card.

Moonee Valley racecourse in Melbourne was also enclosed many years ago for coursing, and Mr. Keighery won many of the £1,000 stakes run there during the boom. His invariable companions were Bob Jansen, former Leviathan bookmaker, and the late Sol Green, another Leviathan of the ring, and owner and breeder of many champion thoroughbreds and a keen coursing follower.

Sixty years ago he started off another famous bookmaker with his first betting rise. This was Bob Sevier, English metallician, who first established cash betting on Australian courses.

Mr. Keighery pointed out that Bob's bank was very light



A photo from the twenties—Greg Keighery and a Friend.

at the time. He inquired from Ted Power, a leading jockey, if he knew a dog with a chance of a turn-up. Power sent him to Mr. Keighery, who had nominated a dog named Teuton in Power's name.

"He is a champion, and will win the stake," Greg told Sevier.

A courageous gambler, Sevier laid heavily against every dog Teuton met. In the final they were taking 4/1 on the favourite. But Sevier laid it to the hilt, and backed Teuton, and his dog won the course.

Sevier rose subsequently to great heights as bookmaker and owner and raced England's best mare of the century, Sceptre.

Mr. Keighery recalls a champagne win on a dog with as much glee and enthusiasm as he does the handsome financial coups he netted from the sport.

One of his best interstate pals is Bill Flanagan, hotelkeeper, of Adelaide. They and their dogs met in a course at Geelong, Victoria.

Mr. Keighery bet Mr. Flanagan a bottle of champagne his dog would win the course. Mr. Flanagan said "make it two," and the auction went on until the side wager had risen to 12. Said Mr. Keighery—"My dog beat his by half a point, and the dozen of Moet came up, but we had to get our pals to help us drink it.

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It's a Long Road from the Ice-Age to the Melbourne Cup

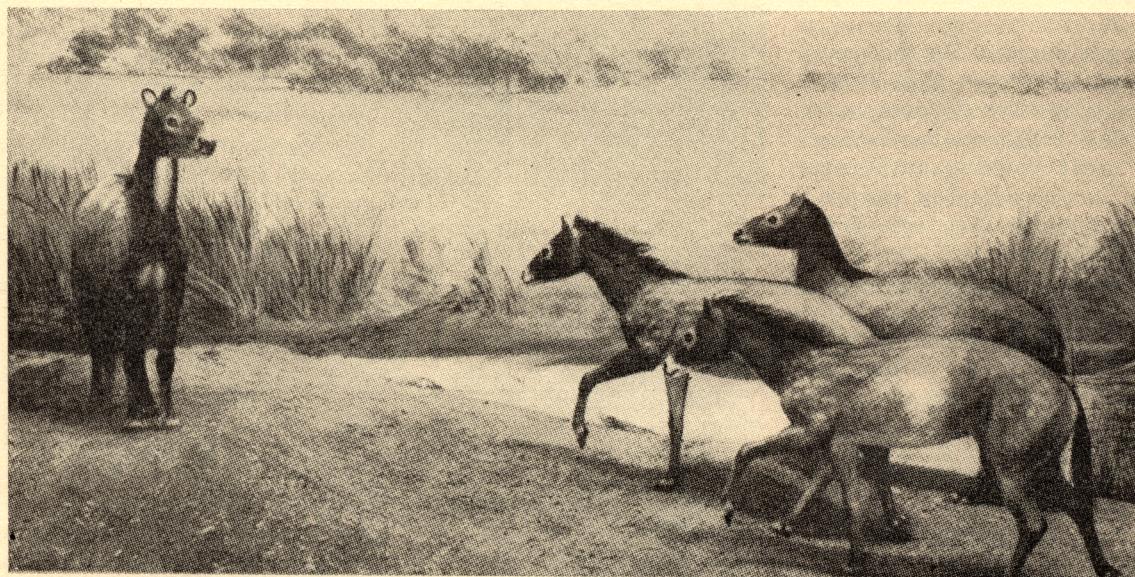
Fifty-five million years is a long time, whichever way you look at it. Fifty-five million years ago, so the experts tell us, the first horse-like creature lived on this planet—a little fellow called *Eohippus*. About the size of a small dog, *Eohippus* has an arched rump, three weight-bearing toes and two vestigial toes on his hind feet, four toes on each of his forefeet. The stages that have led from *Eohippus* to your choice to win the Melbourne Cup this year, have each of them covered vast aeons of time.

THE first horse-like creature was distinguishable from the other creatures who swam and wriggled and ran and flew in the world of that time, by several important characteristics. Firstly, he was a mammal, a relatively new type of creature; and, of the many species of mammal that had already developed, he was one of the few that showed a tendency to dispense with the outer digits on each foot—for all mammal types

started off with five fingers and toes. And, more important perhaps for his survival, this *Eohippus* had teeth which were partly specialised for the chewing and macerating of foliage.

As the ages passed, those members of the *Eohippus* tribe who were quickest off the mark when danger threatened, and who could masticate the widest choice of foliage when food was short, tended to survive when their lesser-equipped cousins

and brothers did not. This theory, Darwin's theory of "natural selection," is the most widely accepted explanation of the evolution of horses and all other present-day living creatures. About 44 million years ago, then, a descendant of *Eohippus* called *Orohippus* appeared. His name means "shore horse," simply because so many of his fossilised remains have been found in the rocks that once formed the shore of a vast inland sea that covered the centre of the U.S.A. *Orohippus* wouldn't exactly have attracted you at the Yearling Sales. He was only a little larger than *Eohippus*, but two important changes had occurred. His hind feet had only three toes, with no trace of the outside digits,



Mesobippus—the "half-way" horse of 30 million years ago, looks quite like his modern descendants, except about the feet. He was only the size of a large dog. From a reconstruction in the New York Museum of Natural History.

and his forefeet had a central toe considerably larger than the toe on either side of it. And his teeth were definitely better equipped for grinding, the enamel pattern was more complex, and the last pre-molar had become virtually a grinding tooth, giving a set of four, upper and lower, on each side.

The next "horse" on the chart, Epihippus, is placed within the line of descent by some experts, outside it by others. Very few fossilised remains have been found, but they show developments that mark Epihippus as quite different from the others before him. In both fore and hind, the central toe was definitely larger than the others; of his teeth, the second pre-molar had now taken its place with the molars, giving five cheek grinders in each set.

From Epihippus, or from other horse-like forms as yet undiscovered, sprung Mesohippus, the "half-way horse." Paleontologists say he looked quite a bit like to-day's horse, except for his rounded back and small size—he was about the size of a well-grown Alsatian. He had one large hoof-like toe on each foot, flanked by two small toes. The bones of the foreleg had changed, with one bone (the radius) bearing the load; similarly, in the hind leg a single bone (tibia) was doing the work. During the time that Mesohippus roamed over Asia, Europe and America, the teeth of successive skeleton remains showed a great change, as yet another of the pre-molars in each set joined the grinders; it is probably that, for the first time, these horse-like creatures emerged from the forests and started to browse the vast marshy prairies and savannahs.

Like most mammal forms, Mesohippus tended to become

larger as time passed. So the next distinguishable species, called Miohippus, was about the size of a sheep; with him, there was still more centering of the weight on to the middle toe of each foot. Larger again was the next species, Parahippus. With Parahippus, the forelegs were nearly as long as the hind, and his back was flat instead of arched. His teeth were more complex, and for the first time the "cusp" or "mark" appeared in the cropping teeth, indicating that Parahippus now depended for his food entirely on grazing.

It is strange that North and South America, where the main development of the horse took place, and where the greatest herds of the horse's ancestors lived, should have been completely without any horse of any type in modern times; the horse was re-introduced there by the Spaniards in the sixteenth century. Fifteen million years ago or thereabouts, the plains of the U.S.A. were stocked with a descendant of Parahippus called Merychippus or "desert horse." Merychippus was very similar in outline to the modern horse, with

a distinct "saddle" in the back, and a neck long enough to allow of grazing without spreading the forelegs. His teeth had a heavy cement-filling in the valleys between the crests of enamel. But he still had three toes on each foot, although the side toes were slender and short, and did not reach the ground in walking. You might have put a saddle on him, if you could catch him; but he wouldn't have given you much of a run for your money—the largest of the species measured only 39 in. high at the shoulder.

To reach the perfection of speed and stamina of the thoroughbred, nature still had a way to go. The remaining steps in the journey will be covered in a further article of this series next month.

OBITUARIES

CRAIG, David Alexander,
Sydney.

Elected 12/1/1931.
Died 30/9/1950 at Nassau,
Bahamas Islands.

PERRATON, Jack Oldfield,
Sydney.

Elected 19/12/1949.
Died 1/10/1950.

Stages in the Evolution of the Horse

Millions of Years Ago'	Forest Browsing	Browsing and Grazing	Grazing
55	Eohippus		
44	Orohippus		
40	Epihippus		
35	Mesohippus		
25		Mesohippus	
20		Miohippus	
19		Parahippus	
15		Merychippus	
10			Merychippus
7			Pliohippus
5			Plesippus
1			Equus— Modern Horse

SUMMARY OF SPORT

THE SPRING

THIS month sees the great twice-yearly changeover of the sporting seasons.

This month sees new speculations take the place of the topics that have filled the sporting pages since last April.

Instead of the footballs—Rugby Union, Rugby League, Australian Rules, Association, it's Cricket and Tennis, Swimming and Sailing.

Even racing takes a new life with the spring. Tattersall's meeting, first of the Spring fixtures, gives way to the Carnival of Epsom, Derby and Metropolitan. Owners, trainers and riders; punters and fielders and journalists—all dust themselves off and come up bright and shining again for the new season, yet still with the same old speculation of "What's going to win?"

King Cricket will be in the ascendant this summer. Manly, with last year's side practically intact, will have an excellent chance of retaining the premiership in what should be a most interesting series. But Grade and Shield cricket will be overshadowed by the visiting Englishmen and the Tests. England, in the cricket doldrums since the war, has chosen a team of batting strength, and their challenge for the Ashes may develop into more of a threat than some of us are inclined, at this moment, to think.

The season's tennis will culminate in the Davis Cup, and competition play will have an added zest. Speculation at the moment says that the U.S.A. will be the challengers after

meeting Sweden in the interzone final. Speculation is a little more cagey on whether Australia will retain the Cup. It all depends on the fine edge that the season will put on our crop of young players—Frank Sedgman, Ken McGregor, George Worthington, Mervyn Rose.

All in all, sirs, it will be a most interesting sporting summer.

BOXING

OVERSHADOWING the sixth-round knockout of lightweight champion Jack Hassen by Joe Brown in Melbourne, was the fifteen-round battering of old Joe Louis by Ezzard Charles.

This is a little strange, when you come to look at it; Louis is an American, fighting in America in a division in which Australia has little direct interest.

But there is something about the Heavyweight Championship of the World that creates an interest that has nothing to do with nationalities or geographical boundaries or whether one has actually seen either of the participants or not.

And there is something about Joe Louis, even now when he has lost his crown for ever, that captured the support of millions of people to whom he was just a name, just a figure in the newsreel.

For Joe was a good champion. From the time when he took the title from Jim Braddock in 1937 until he retired, undefeated, after his second joust with Joe Walcott in 1948, Louis defended his right to the World Heavyweight Championship no less

than twenty-five times. He never ran away from anyone. His sportsmanship was never questioned. His years of military service cost him millions, yet no one ever heard him complain about that.

Joe Louis became the idol of a great many people. And that's why it is a pity he had to fight that one last fight—pressed by financial necessity of the U.S. Department of Internal Revenue on the one hand, and a mild desire for high living on the other.

Will Australia ever have a boxer in the Joe Louis class? Probably no. For Australia is too far away from the centres of big-money boxing for our local boys to get the sharp, continuous competition that builds world champions.

Dave Sands, easily our best boxer, has to go scouting overseas for that competition; back home, he slips away from the keen edge of world class. And that's the way it will stay while dollars are short, purses low, and distances so great from the sporting centres of Europe and America.

CRICKET

BY the time you read this, the seventeen men chosen by England for the Australian tour will be here in the Stratheden. Or rather, sixteen of them will be, with Cyril Washbrook to arrive by air a little later.

With the obvious batting strength of the team, it seems likely that we shall see some high totals for England. Whether they will be able to limit our

TOPICS

in 60-second sketches

replies will determine the extent of their threat to our hold on the Ashes.

Stout-hearted Surrey bowler, Alec Bedser, will undoubtedly be the spearhead of the English attack. Ranked as fast-medium, he may get more out of the ball here than in England, particularly if he can be spelled by the support of the other fast-mediums in the team—Trevor Bailey and an “unknown,” Johnny Warr.

Spin-bowlers for the Test Series will be chosen from D. V. P. Wright, W. E. Hollies and the left-handed Lancashire man, Bob Berry, supported by the all-rounders, F. R. Brown (captain) and left-handed Denis Compton. Youngest member of the team, Brian Close, must also rank as an all-rounder, as he is a useful spin bowler who may develop greatly.

The batting division is headed by the stalwarts Hutton, Washbrook, Simpson and Compton. Notts amateur, Reg Simpson, has not yet tried Australian wickets, but the firm pitch might well prove to his liking.

In the second batting division are left-handers John Dewes and Brian Close; right-handers W. G. A. Parkhouse, D. S. Sheppard and wicket-keeper A. J. McIntyre. And, of course, the all-rounders Brown and Bailey. Alec Bedser is also a surprising exponent of run-getting at times, as is the Test wicket-keeper, Godfrey Evans.

We should see some bright cricket.



Malcolm Fuller Spears Record Groper in Harbour

Carrying his “Undersea” Spear-gun in one hand and his catch in the other, Malcolm Fuller leaves the water at Balmoral, while his friend, Roger Keiran, looks amazed. The fish, a blue groper weighing $34\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., is believed to be a record for Harbour catch. What happened to the fish? Malcolm gave it to make a supper at the Night Refuge, Kent Street.

(Photo courtesy “Sydney Morning Herald.”)

New Blood from France

Outstanding move among recent purchases of bloodstock for stud purposes in Australia was the acquisition by Woodlands Stud, Demman, of the two French horses Charleval and Damnos.

THEY will be ready for duty next season, and are now in England where they will undergo the statutory six months qualification for admission through quarantine to Australia. Charleval is a stayer, winner

of the English St. Leger; Damnos is a sprinter, winner of nine races up to 1 mile 155 yards.

Charleval is by Tourbillon from Caravelle, who is granddaughter of Bourbillon's own sister, Diademe; Damnos is by

Tourbillon's greatest son, Djebel, and is from Orlamonde, the mare who produced the recent French Derby and English St. Leger winner, Scratch.

Popular clubman, George Ryder, is studmaster at Woodlands and the two horses are the property of the Syndicate of which Dr. Tom Street and Dave Chrystal are members.

Blood like the Boussac lines has never been available outside France or America — that is comparable with the two horses that now have been secured.

Neither Charleval nor Damnos could have been bought in ordinary circumstances, but correspondence with Marcel Boussac on lines far away from the actual purchase of a stallion led to an amazing offer by that world-famous breeder.

M. Boussac was keen to make a gesture to Australian racing and breeding, and suggested a price for a stallion that could be financed in Australia.

Actually any horse he feels disposed to sell finds a ready market in America at a price that would be impossible to handle in Australia with any prospect of "breaking even" — and then the stallion would have to turn out eminently successful.

M. Boussac suggested either Charleval or Damnos, the first as likely to beget stayers, and Damnos as likely to beget

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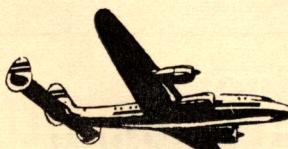
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sprinters and horses capable of racing up to middle distances.

Then came the matter of picking the horse. Col. Lyde, who trains horses in England for the syndicate, was invited across to the Boussac stud to see the pair.

Then M. Boussac was again appealed to, and the dilemma explained. Once more he stepped into the breech, and suggested that both be taken, and once more he made a price that could be financed in Australia.

A condition of the double sale, however, required an undertaking that at no time would either horse be sold to go outside Australia.

And so Australia has two stallions as far removed as the poles from the general run of blood-lines used here. Gradually this country is becoming saturated with the Phalaris line and the other Bend Or lines, just as the English racehorse is.

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England recently readjusted the qualification for entry into the General Stud Book to admit the use of the Boussac blood, previously barred by an anomaly which admitted strains of a certain sire line in England but refused entry of the horses bred of the same sire line in other countries.

One of the arguments for the case was that England needed a stout outeross for the mares now at a majority of the studs. The Boussac sire line was instanced as eminently suitable.

And so the line is here for

Australian breeders before it is available for English breeders.

It seems unbelievable that Charleval and Damnos will fail as sires of winners — their value as sires of broodmares can only be estimated in the years to come.

It is not a wide stretch of fancy to imagine its success comparable with that of St. Simon when he first established his house, or to Phalaris who came along to revitalise the line when the thoroughbred world had almost reached saturation point with the St. Simon blood.

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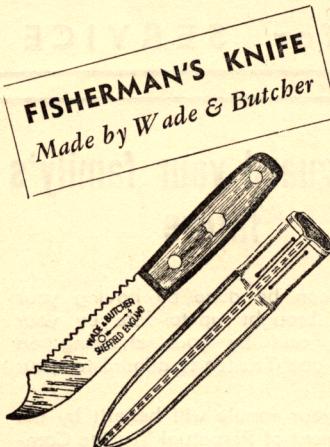
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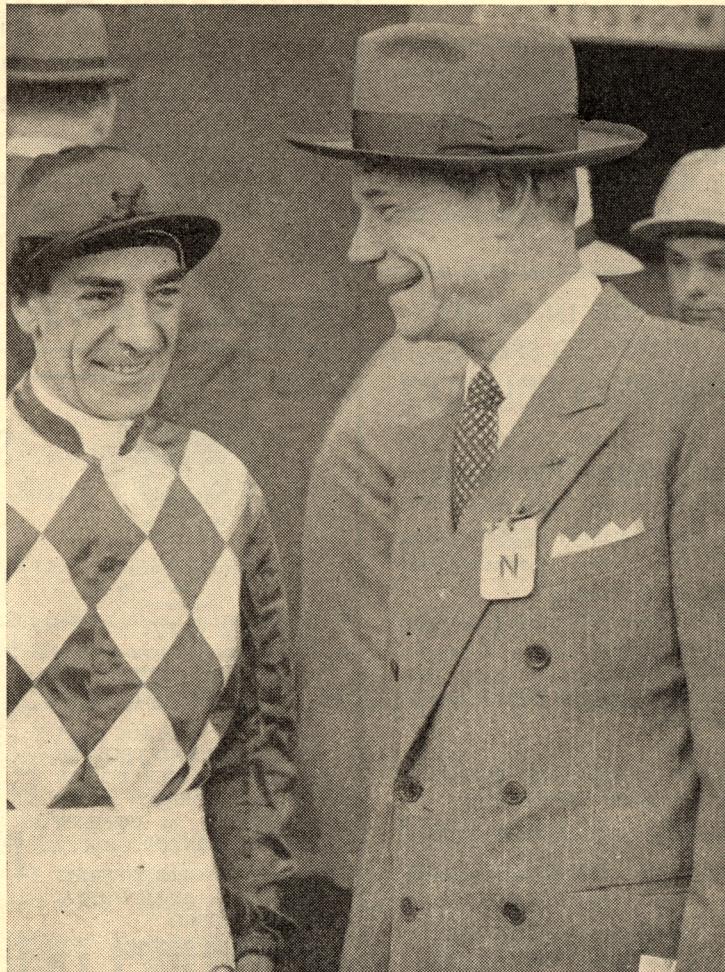
SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

Darby Munro
May Make Trip

David Hugh Munro is looking towards England again. Only for the unfortunate Vagabond incident which kept him out of the saddle for nearly two years Darby would have been in the Old Country now.

IT would not surprise to see the great horseman leave Australia in 1952. He has had a lot of offers in the past. It should not be hard for him to secure first class riding in England. Darby is of the opinion that he

is riding just as well as ever. Competent judges agree with him. Sydney turf men who know English form declare that Munro would be a "riot" in the Old Dart. Former pony jockey, Alby Callinan, just back from a trip



At the Club's Spring Meeting, Sept. 9th: Darby Munro with American comedian, Joe E. Brown.
(Photo courtesy "Sydney Morning Herald.")

abroad, said: "Munro would hold his own anywhere in the world. He would never look back if he made the trip to England."

Munro certainly has added colour to Australian racing. He has been hooted a lot but he still is a firm favourite with the majority of racing folk. Owners and trainers like him. "But do not give him any instructions before a race," said a trainer. "David likes to do his own thinking. One day at Ascot I told him to ride one of mine from behind, as he was not much good otherwise. Munro bounced my moke out first, led all the way, and won by three lengths. After that there were no more instructions."

Randwick trainer, Ted Hush, for whom Munro won the Melbourne Cup on Russia, always gives Darby the same "instructions." They are "Try and be first past the post, Dave."

Munro has an amazing record; but at one stage of his career he looked like dropping right out of the game. He was not having any luck and his weight was increasing. Darby was on the verge of putting away his "boots and saddles" when Dame Fortune started to smile again. He has won all sorts of races, including nine Derbies and three Melbourne Cups, Peter Pan (1934), Sirius (1944), and Russia (1946). Munro was born in 1913 and his first ride was on Karuma at Rosehill in 1927. Karuma finished fourth.

His best riding feat was at the 1940 A.J.C. Autumn meeting. He won nine races during the four days. They were:

First Day—

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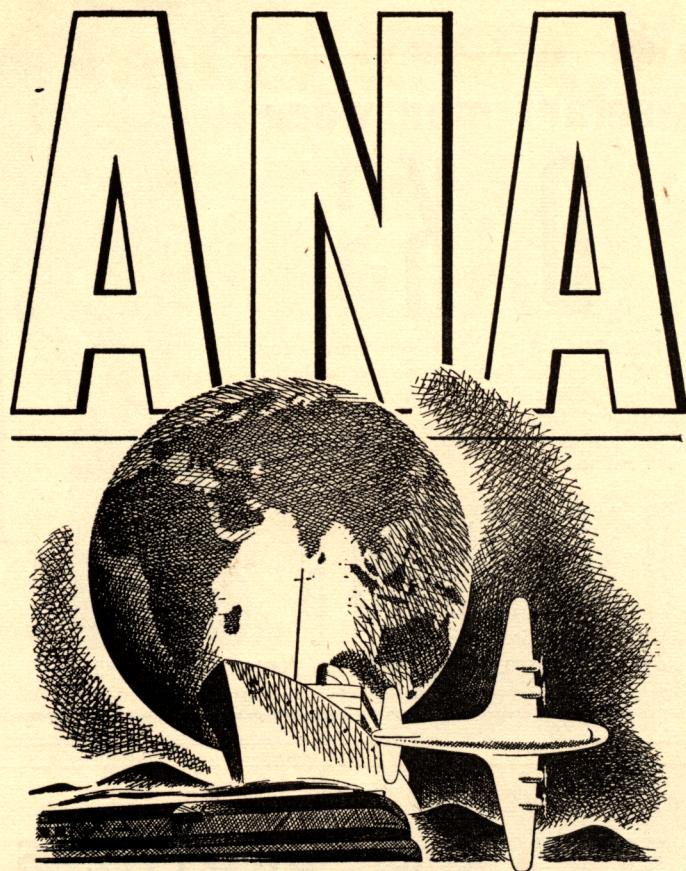
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Won Easter Plate, Session, 5 to 2.

Won Biraganbil Handicap, Katanga, 5 to 1.

Won Sydney Cup, Mosaic, 10 to 1.

Third Day—

Won Cumberland Plate, Mai-kai, 10 to 9 on.

Fourth Day—

Won Dangar Handicap, Own Folk, 5 to 2.

Won A.J.C. Plate, Mosaic, 5 to 2.

Munro also was responsible for a great riding feat in 1938. He won seven races in a row at Ascot on August 31 and Newcastle on September 1. Darby is looking forward to the big racing in Melbourne in October and November. He likes riding at Flemington. He has been responsible for some magnificent performances at the V.R.C. course. His Melbourne Cup wins on Sirius and Russia were classics. He said: "It is my ambition to win another Cup. My holiday has not upset my riding. In fact, I do not think that I have ever felt better and the experts tell me that I am riding as well as ever." Here is hoping, David Hugh!

GREG KEIGHERY

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But it was one of the happiest wins I ever had in my life."

Mr. Keighery will see his 67th Melbourne Cup on November 7, an unbroken sequence which is claimed as a record.

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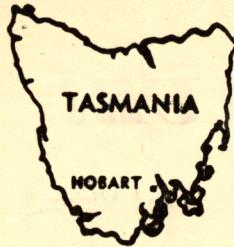
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THE CLUB'S SPRING MEETING

Report on the Racing

Weather was kind to Tattersall's Club Committee on the occasion of its September race meeting held at Randwick and at which the best horses in training went to the post.

MAIN attraction was the Chelmsford Stakes in which a top-class field of horses, three-years-old and upwards, faced the barrier. San Domenico's run of success came to an end when he was defeated into third place after making a gallant effort, but the opposition was too strong over the distance, nine furlongs and 32½ yards.

San Domenico had not won beyond seven furlongs and on his performance he doesn't look anything more than Australia's best sprinter, but a high-class individual with speed his greatest asset.

Delta, who was handy to San Domenico throughout, went strongly to the post and beat Snowstream with San Domenico third. The winner and runner-up were then expected to play an important part in the bigger racing at Randwick and in Melbourne in which they had several engagements, both at weight for age and in the long handicaps.

The Tramway Handicap was won by the much improved Humming Top, who carried four

pounds more than his A.J.C. Epsom impost and cleverly beat the opposition. Rim Boy, with his 9.3, made a race of it, but weight told at the end. He was a clear-cut second with Persist, who came from a backward position, third. Humming Top and Persist are raced by Club members so it was fitting they should share in the stake-money. Another successful member was Mr. Adolph Basser, owner of Delta.

Indian Chief was too solid for rivals in the Spring Handicap, which was expected to give a line to the more important distance races of the Spring.

Indian Chief was capably handled by leading rider Neville Sellwood and beat Benvolo and High Spirits, Club members again figuring in the prizemoney. Thracian Lad was confidently supported by connections but didn't act to expectations. He may do better over the longer distances.

Other winners were Rumyle, French Rose, Erpingham and Silverjax.

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club



October, 1929

NINETEEN hundred and twenty-nine was a year of one of the periodical New Zealand horse "invasions." At the Club's Spring Meeting, held that year on 14th September, N.Z., entries won the Tramway Handicap, Spring Handicap and Welter; and also provided the runner-up in two of them — Paquito, second to Nightmarch in the Spring; Cimabue, second to Ceremony in the Tramway. Writer of an article on the Meeting rather ruefully recalls that N.Z. had staged several of these successful visits — particularly the amazing run that New Zealand horses had at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting in 1905, when Noctuiform won the Derby and Maniopoto the Metropolitan; in fact, in 1905, as the writer points out, N.Z. won one out of six the first day, six of six the second, two of six the third and three of six the fourth. We could now add many more to the score since 1929!

by R. H. Jerrold—which hangs to-day in the Clubroom on the first floor.

ARRANGEMENTS were made in 1929 with several city theatres to accept telephone bookings from members — not so convenient as the present efficient Booking Office on the first floor.

ANOTHER inter-club tournament was played against C.T.A. Club on 25th September, 1929. We had rather the better of the rubber, winning 2 to 1 in the Auction Bridge; losing the dominoes; winning 2 to 1 in the billiards and 3 to nil in the snooker.

M.R. PERCY MILLER gives an account of the good fortune that enabled him to purchase the stallion Caledon for Kia-Ora stud, during his visit to England.

PERSONAL notes of October, 1929: Mr. E. J. Watt was elated over the win by his horse Spearman in the Rosehill Cup. Harry G. Hall, one of the older members, gave a talk on the Lilybridge track, later known as Epping track, and, when a change was made to trots, as Harold Park. E. J. Tait and Lionel Dare were both in England. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roles were visiting Norway and Sweden. General H. W. Lloyd had the honour of moving the Address-in-Reply in State Parliament.

A FULL report is given of the function held in the Club on 17th September, 1929, when the presentation of his portrait in oils was made to Mr. Jas. Barnes. Mr. Barnes was Chairman from 1916 to 1929 — years that saw the development of the Club from premises in Pitt St. and membership of about 750 to the fine new building and membership of 1900. Mr. A. C. Ingham, 1929 Chairman, made the presentation of the portrait

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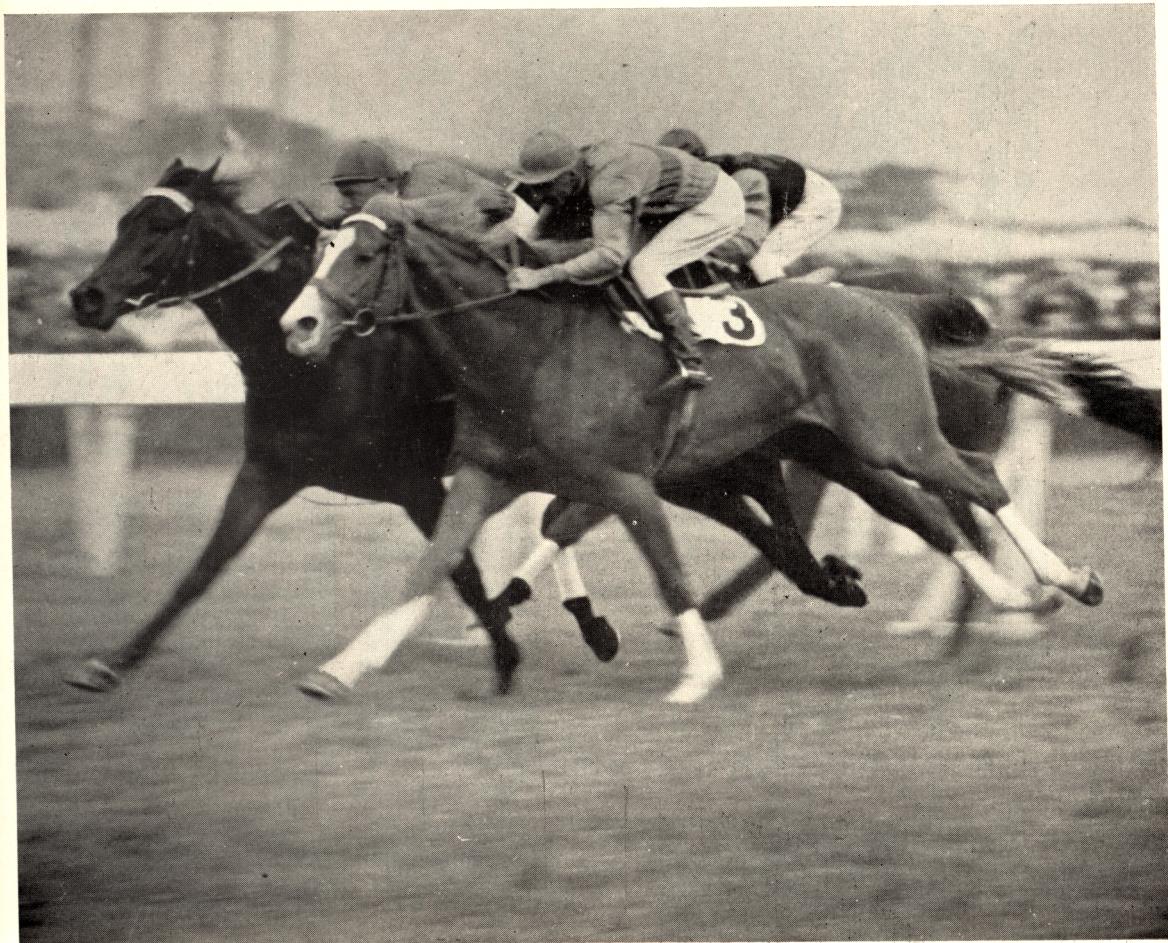
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Delta Wins in Last Stride

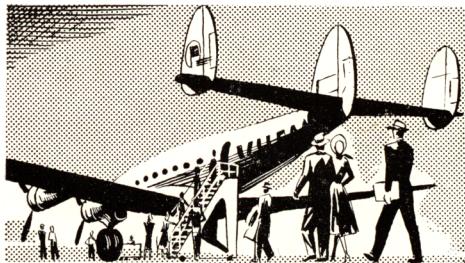
Fighting Finish of Chelmsford Stakes

Adolph Basser's horse Delta (centre) fights out a stride-for-stride photo finish, and gains the verdict over Snowstream (No. 3). Third horse, San Domenico, is obscured on the rails. N. Sellwood rode the winner.

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